

The Glen Line steamship *Glenartney*, from London, left Singapore on Aug. 21th.

The P. and O. s. *Thibet* left Bombay for this port on July 31.
The P. and O. Co.'s steamer *Vernia* left Bombay on Aug. 8th for this port.
The P. & O. steamer *Shanghai* left Antwerp for this port on 11th Aug.

During the week ending 9th August, 9 Europeans and 1,253 Chinese visited the City Hall Museum.

The *Pennsular*, the next English mail steamer for Europe, proceeds direct to Marseilles and London via Colombo.

Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co. inform us that the *Altamira*, from London

the 9th inst.

The O. S. S. Co.'s s.s. *Prometheus*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the 7th inst. and may be expected here on or about the 13th instant.

The Agent of the M. M. Co. informs us that the str. *Yargies*, with the next Franco mail, left Saigon on Saturday, at 3 p.m., for this port.

The *Independents* of the 8th inst. says:—

The gunboat *Du*, with H. E. the Governor of Malacca, Sr. Custodia Miguel de Borja, and suite, is expected to arrive at Malacca next week.

The *Pilos Fish* arrived here yesterday morning from Hallow with the steamer *Actis* in tow. The *Actis*, it will be so

membered, broke her propeller near Hongkong about a week ago.

The Superintendent of the P. & O. S. S. Co. informs us that the Company's *Almirante* left Singapore for this port on the 9th inst., at 5 p.m., with the outward English mail; and that the Company's *Veneta* left Bombay for this port on the 8th inst.

The Band of the 'Mr. A. S. Highmire' will play the following programme at the Officers' Mess to-morrow, commencing at 8 p.m.:

Overture..... 'Idemense'..... Mozart.
Valse..... 'Le Clieva'..... Beethoven.
Selection..... 'Iolanthe'..... Sullivan.
Clarinet Solo..... 'Les Alcebiennes' Le Thien.
Selection..... 'Madame Favart' Oberlander.

We are informed that Mr Cross, Manager of the Gas Co., has received telegraphic instructions from the Directors of the Co. to proceed at once with the erection of the proposed Gas Works for the district of Kowloon. Tenders have already been obtained and accepted, and the works will be put in hand immediately.

Victoria College is deserted, thieves get up on the roof of that exposure building and begin to strip off the lead with which it is covered. This has happened three times in the brief history of the college. It seems as if it had come to be regarded as inevitable, and as if all hope of preventing it had been given up. The latest theft of lead was discovered this morning, and as the thieves have evidently been disturbed in their middle of their operations they will probably come back soon and finish the job. Inspector Quinney and Sergeant Madden

going to have a roof and the roof of it is being built this morning, and found that twenty-five sheets of lead had been carelessly removed and placed in a handy corner of the playground, ready for removal. Twenty-nine sheets in all—about half a ton of lead—had been stripped off, but only four of these had been carried away. This unlucky architectural abortion is now properly looked after; it is likely to meet a new roof every year.

they were using their own tables against gambling, and the police establishment had to take in their own boards and close their doors forthwith. Ever since the new gambling ordinances came into operation in Hongkong the business at Kowloon city had been increasing. The proprietors of the big gaming houses here finding the law too much for them, removed their establishments to Kowloon city. They put up their houses and vied with each other in making them attractive to the European gamblers from Hongkong. The houses are the largest and most gaily decorated in the city.

The European visitor was always received like a prince. If a party hired a laquear to take them to the place where they were to go to Kowloon city, the master of the particular gambling house which they were patronised would pay for the launch, the laquear would produce European drinks of various kinds and cigars for their delectation and they would provide them with kiffin or diamonds rather than loss their company. If they arrived after dark servants carrying lighted candles would show them the way from the pier to the gambling-house. Everything was done to make them comfortable. When they had spent all day they were allowed to take their watches, rings, etc., and if they were absolutely 'cleaned out' they could always depend on the friendly proprietor to give them their launch fare. There were altogether eleven of these houses in full swing the other day. The forty laquears, at a salary of thirteen trips per day, and many people went in private launches. That is a small change for the present at least, and Kowloon city is for a long time.

CHINA'S foreign trade continues to expand. From the *Canton Gazette* for the second quarter of this year, it appears that the total collection at the nineteen treaty ports during that period was Tls. 6,390,087 against Tls. 5,498,299 during the same quarter of 1890. Hongkong trade also, despite the cry of depression, seems to have made satisfactory progress. The collection at Kowloon and Lappa was Tls. 200,608 against Tls. 253,881 in 1890.

The Court of Directors of the National Bank of China has issued a circular to shareholders, informing them that the connection between the Bank and the late firm of Russell & Co. has ceased; that all advances made are, with some minor exceptions, secured; and that they anticipate no ultimate loss from any business entered into, beyond the unavoidable preliminary expenses incidental to starting a new Bank. The Directors are now making arrangements, with their legal advisers in London, relative to effecting certain alterations in the Memorandum and Articles of Association, which have become necessary in consequence of the retirement of Messrs Russell & Co. from active participation in the management of the Bank. When these are completed, the shareholders will be duly advised of same.

The extraordinary petition against the Sunday Bill has naturally evoked comment outside the Colony. The *N. O. Daily News* quotes the notorious heathenish sentence: "From an economical point of view, they, the oldest, the most numerous and the most industrious of peoples, with a practical experience ranging over 2,000 years, know nothing of the need of a weekly day of rest, do not suffer and do not seem to have suffered, and do not want of it, and go on to say: 'How Mr. Francis must have chuckled to himself when he wrote this, and thought that people like Butterfield & Swire, Gibb, Livingston & Co., Houlday, Wils & Co., Simpson & Co., and most of the agents and managers of the Banks and Insurance Companies, would put their names to it."

For the feelings of the Chinese inhabitants of the British Colonies, the sentence is phenomenal. Would these enlightened and presumably Christian gentlemen sign a petition in favour of the removal of all the telephone, telegraph, and electric light poles from Hongkong, if the Chinese, with a practical experience ranging over 2,000 years, declared that they ruined the *fung-shui* of Hongkong, and had caused the present financial depression? Another objection urged by the petitioners is, that for the sake of a comparatively few Chinese, who have put up for years with complacency with being thrown out of work on Sunday.

By an Imperial Decree Hsueh Fu-chang, Chinese Minister to England and France, has been appointed Director of the Szechuan Court.

GENERAL TOLSON K'ITONG has, we learn, been arrested at Foochow, and is at present a prisoner there, though he is not admitted to the indignities of ordinary Chinese prison life. He is supposed to be sent to Tientsin, and to be allowed to make his explanations to the Viceroy Li in person. *N. O. Daily News.*

We read in the *Peking Gazette* of 23rd July that a request for Chiang Kai-shek, Governor of Shanghai, Shing Hsiao-han, Tactai at Chefoo, and Director of the Chinese Telegraph Administration, has been granted a portion of the first class, in consideration of his having collected over Tls. 500,000 for the relief of the famine-stricken provinces of China, and that the money has been properly distributed. *N. O. Daily News.*

The *N. O. Daily News* says:—The Russian man-of-war *Stowick*, which arrived at Hongkong on the 25th ult., is on her way north. It is reported that she will be stationed at Hankow and that a Russian man-of-war will be kept at that port for some time to come. It is also said that the German gunboat *Wolf* will remain at Hankow till she is required to visit at Tientsin.

The San Francisco *News Letter* of 11th July says:—The *Victory*, old Commodore, was sent to China in the flag of Admiral Hannyer by a fleet composed of the *Nonchance*, *Monoway*, the pre-Admiral *Marion*, and the *palace* *Palas*. *Harmony* is the watch-word throughout the expedition. The vessels all sail with a yellow tops of age have settled down upon them like dust upon a boarding-house. When native riots break out against the red-haired devils other nations and fighting ships slip to the rescue. We have a better way. The Chinese have a great respect for antiquity, and instead of exciting their fears, we send our ancient hulks to appeal to their veneration.

The Tientsin correspondent of the *Shanghai Mercury* writes on 30th ult.:—Knowing you had been up North lately I was rather surprised not to see anything in reference to the gratitudes (I) shown by the Viceroy, Li Hung-chang, to Dr. Irwin. Li has treated the doctor in something the same way that he behaved to Admiral Lang. He is a nice old man, just as staunch as iron (I) as he was with poor General Gordon, who that noble British soldier hunted around after him with a revolver. Last autumn some of our German friends got an idea into their heads that China and Tientsin, and Li Hung-chang in particular, could not get on without a full-blown doctor from Fatherland. Herr von Brandt and Baron Stenroos had been commiserated with on the subject, thought it a capital idea, and no time in proposing to Li Hung-chang to have a first class medical officer from Germany to act as physician to the Northern fleet and to attend to Li's household. As Herr von Brandt had visited the great Li last autumn the Viceroy thought he could not do better than return the compliment, and he agreed to the proposal that a doctor should be obtained from Germany at a salary of Tls. 250 per month. Dr. Irwin having heard of this, sent in his resignation last week, but it was not accepted yet. I am told. To-day I have heard a rumour that after all the German doctor may not come out as pressure has been brought to bear on Li Hung-chang, and he has been reminded what Dr. Irwin has done for His Ex. and Lady Li.

The *Japan Gazette* says:—The task of pumping the water from the flooded works at the Takashima mines is still progressing, and it is expected that the next week will be resumed much sooner than was at first anticipated. Two fresh veins of coal have recently been discovered at the mines, one 8 feet in thickness and the other 16 feet, in quality in both cases being equal to that of the coal hitherto produced at the Takashima mines.

The present condition of the Woonung Bar is giving the idea of making Woonung the port of Shanghai; and it is reported that a large English firm, the Woonung & Co., has been formed for the purpose of acquiring the land and the right of navigation for the Woonung railway. It is hardly likely, however, that this is more than a rumour, for it is known that the Viceroy at Nanking has laid it down very strongly that this idea is not to be granted to foreigners for land outside treaty ports, and Woonung is not so recognized. As to the bar, it is in good and that it will be repaired for the last fifty years; and it is very doubtful whether the dredging has done it any permanent good. It seems likely to remain as erratic as it always has been, at one time looking as if it would never let a ship pass over it again, and then for a time allowing little or no delay to the latest vessels. *N. O. Daily News.*

Lord Li Ching-fang, Chinese Minister to Tokio, has been given leave during the period of mourning for his mother, and Mr. Kung-tsun, a Hanlin man, now at Peking, has been appointed to act during his absence. The length of the leave granted to Lord Li is not stated, but it may be noted that it is not as long as the official leave granted to him on the death of his father, the Viceroy Li Hung-chang. The new acting Minister, Wang, was formerly Secretary to the Chinese Minister at Berlin, Mr. Hung Chün. If the Japanese vernacular papers are right, the necessity for Lord Li's retirement at the present moment is very unfortunate. He was recognized as the ablest Minister, and his efforts to that end had been greatly assisted by the admirable bearing of the Chinese Minister. He was popular at Tokio and Yokohama—and the whole of the Chinese squadron. The *Mainichi Shimbun* concludes a laudatory article on Lord Li by saying:—We refer to the Chinese Minister. He knows how to replace enmity by friendship. Such Ministers are very rare, and we venture to think that if Lord Li has accomplished so much in a short space of time, it is due to his personal residence in Japan, and to the fact that he has been able to change the feeling of the nation towards China. *N. O. Daily News.*

CHINA HUMBUGGING.

THE DISSATISFACTION WITH THE REDRESS. The following letter from the Wuchang correspondent of the *N. O. Daily News* shows some of the reasons why the British Government is discontented with the conduct of China in reference to the recent riot and why the Western powers are considering joint action—action which might prove the beginning of the end of the Manchu power in China.

Wuchang, 1st August. Eight weeks have now elapsed since the Wuchang riot. During that interval every effort has been made to restore the situation to its normal condition, but the result has been a complete failure. The British Government is discontented with the conduct of China in reference to the recent riot and why the Western powers are considering joint action—action which might prove the beginning of the end of the Manchu power in China.

July 6th. The subordinate mandarin was removed from office, though not otherwise punished. An attempt was then made to regard the incident as closed, save for money reparation. After receiving most strenuous representations, H. E. Chang Ching-chung consented to re-open the case.

July 20th–29th. Three others confessed to murdering Messrs Green and Argent, two more to beating the ladies and looting the premises, three to simple looting. Hitherto sentences have been pronounced.

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TELEGRAMS BY THE AMERICAN MAIL.

EMPEROR WILLIAM AND PRINCE OF WALES. The Emperor of Germany, who is expected to visit the British Empire, has been given leave during the period of mourning for his mother, and Mr. Kung-tsun, a Hanlin man, now at Peking, has been appointed to act during his absence.

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3. From Jardine's Wharf to the Harbour Master's Office.

4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.

5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Polder's Wharf.

6. From Polder's Wharf to the Naval Yard.

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7. From Naval Yard to Blue Buildings.

8. From Blue Buildings to East Point.

9. From East Point to North Point.

10. Kowloon Wharves.

11. Jardine's Wharf.

Vessel's Name.

Captain.

Flag and Rig.

Tonn.

Date of Arrival.

Consignees or Agents.

Destination.

Remarks.

Steamers.

Activ.

3 h Hygon.

Dan. str.

355 Aug.

9 A. R. Marly.

Nagasaki

12th inst.

Arctic.

5 h Rosin.

Brit. str.

1005 Aug.

9 Melchers & Co.

Bombay, &c.

Diango.

5 h Becarini.

Italian str.

1489 Aug.

10 P. & O. S. N. Co.

San Francisco

22nd inst.

Canton.

5 h Baker.

Brit. str.

2044 Aug.

9 P. M. S. Co.

Bangkok

To-morrow

China.

5 h Sealbury.

Amot. str.

6200 Aug.

9 P. M. S. Co.

Amoy & Manila

To-morrow

Clara.

5 h Schell.

Dutch str.

671 Aug.

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